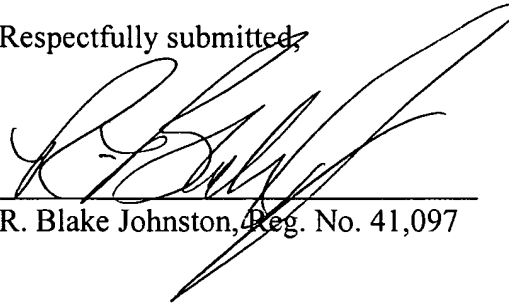


**REMARKS**

By way of the present amendment, the claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and address other formalities. As a result, Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is introduced by the above claim amendments.

Respectfully submitted,



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